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1. JOAQUIN RUIZ GIMENEZ AND OTHER LEADING MEMBERS OF
"IZQUIERDA DEMOCRATIC" (ID) MET YESTERDAY WITH JOSE MARIA
GIL ROBLES, JR. AND HIS "FEDERACION POPULAR DEMOCRATICA"
(FPD) LEADERSHIP TEAM TO DISCUSS MODALITIES FOR CLOSER
COOLABORATION, RANGING FROM INTEGRATED ELECTORAL LISTS TO
OUTRIGHT FUSION. REPRESENTATIVES OF ALVAREZ DE MIRANDA'S
"PARTIDO POPULAR DEOMCRAT CRISTINA" (PPDC) ALSO WERE
PRESENT AS "OBSERVERS." ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS AND IN
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LINE WITH WHAT ID'S ANTONIO YAZQUEZ TOLD EMBOFFS RECENTLY
(REFTEL). THE PRESS OF ELECTIONS MAKES ID FPD FUSION IN
THE NEAR TERM PROBLEMATIC. BUT BOTH PARTIES ISSUED A
POST MEETING JOINT STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTING THEIR "SHARED
WILL TO ACHIEVE THE INTEGRATION OF THE TWO PARTIES AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE." WE NOTE THAT AMUCH BRUITED ABOUT FORMULA
FOR THIS EVENTUAL MERGER POSITS A SINGLE PARTY LED BY RUIZ

GIMENEZ AS PRESIDENT AND GIL ROBLES, JR. AS SECGEN.

2. MEANWHILE, THE ABSORPTION OF THE CONSERVATIVE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC "UNION DEMOCRATIA ESPANOL" (UDE) BY PPDC MAY BE IMMINENT. AFTER THE EARLIER ID FPD PPDC SESSION YESTERDAY PPDC'S INIGO CAVERO REPORTEDLY MET WITH FEDERICO RODRIGUEZ OF UDE TO HAMMER OUT A JOINT DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH THE BASIS FOR A PPDC UDE MERGER IN WHICH ALVAREZ DE MIRANDA WOULD LEAD. THIS DOCUMENT REPORTEDLY COULD BE APPROVED BY THE LEADERSHIP OF THE TWO GROUPS BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH. THE SUCCESSFUL FUSION OF THE TWO PARTIES PROBABLY WOULD ALSO BRING ALONG THE ONLY OTHER CD GROUP INTERGRATED INTO THE "CENTRO DEMOCRATICO," BARROS DE LIS'S MICROSCOPIC "UNION DEMOCRATICA CRISTIANA" (UDC)

3. IF ALL THESE PIECES FALL INTO PLACE. AND IT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL ID FPD ON THE ONE HAND AND PPDC UDE ON THE OTHER WOULD THEN ATTEMPT TO FASHION AND EFFECTIVE WORKING RELATIONSHIP FOR THE COMING ELECTIONS. ID FPD WOULD PLUMP FOR THE INTEGRATION OF THEIR CD FELLOWS INTO THE SPANISH CD "EQUIPO" (TEAM) AND THE PRESENTATION OF A UNIFIED CD SLATE, COMPLIMENTED BY CLOSE ELECTORAL COLLABORATION WITH THE "CENTRO DEMOCRATICO" THE POSITION ALVAREZ DE MIRANDA, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS MORE AMBIGUOUS, BECAUSE OF PPDC'S CURRENT MEMBERSHIP IN THE "CENTRO DEMOCRATICO"

4. SO, MANY HURDLES OBVIOUSLY REMAIN TO BE CLEARED ALTHOUGH FOR THE FIRST TIME IN QUITE A WHILE THERE IS PERCEPTIBLE MOVEMENT TOWARD GREATER CD UNITY, WHICH COULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BRING WITH IT A FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THE POLITICAL CENTER. ACCORDING TO ID'S VAZQUEZ, CD TEAM LEADERS ARE HOPEFUL THAT A SUNDAY NIGHT MEETING WILL CAP A WEEK'S PROGRESS TOWARD THE LONG ELUSIVE GOAL OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNITY. EATON

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